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MEDICINE LAKE HEADQUARTERS PARKING AREA

MONTANA REFUGE ROAD PROJECT MELA 900(1)

The parking lot construction remains ahead of schedule despite the employee turnover. The contractor's construction schedule listed the last subexcavation as being completed by June 26. By noon Tuesday June 13 the excavator was done and parked ready for pickup. The last of the base rock was scheduled for completion by July 16, but in fact finished up early on Thursday June 15.

The concrete finishing crew and some of their equipment is coming to the area on this Sunday and will remain on the project until all the concrete work is complete. The Foreman is pushing for all concrete done by July 4th.

Shooting for a July 4th completion date on the concrete will require some long days and hard work for possibly two weeks. The plan is to start pouring concrete at 6:00 am and finish around noon each day starting Tuesday morning. Included in the concrete placement is setting out 486 welded wire reinforcement panels that need to be placed and tied together along with almost 2000 steel bars that are installed along joints. If everything goes well during the morning concrete pour the crew will be busy in the afternoons setting up forms for the next days concrete pour.

As the concrete gets placed the traffic coming into the refuge headquarters will change. The access to the refuge now leads traffic around to the back entrance as the main parking lot is being graded. Later next week the pattern will change again as the back entrance will close and access to the parking in front of the building will again open up for a short time. So watch for the detour signs and as always access to the refuge remains open during construction.

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